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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apple prices were about the same as last week on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, October 28, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Supplies amounted to only 38,000 barrels of which 23,000 were offered at the auction. Most of these were from Nova Scotia. The general condition of the barrels was good. Demand was moderate. Boxed apples made slightly higher prices at the auction than last week. Supplies were very light, amounting to only 5,000 boxes, of which 3,000 were offered at auction. The general condition of the fruit was good. Boxed offerings met with a moderate demand. Prices received for boxed apples were below those ruling at this time last year in ~~dollars but sterling prices~~ were higher. Barreled apple prices, on an average, were lower in both dollars and in sterling than at this time last year.

There was a strong demand for the light supplies of American pears. Prices were considerably higher than last week. The condition of the fruit was generally good. Supplies of Idaho Italian prunes were very light. Demand was slow. Prices were about the same as last week. The condition of the prunes was good.

London prices for barreled and boxed apples were about the same as last week and on the whole on about the same levels as Liverpool prices. Barreled apple supplies were moderate but those from the United States were in light supply. Barreled supplies afloat are liberal. Demand was generally good for barreled and boxed apples at ruling prices. The condition of the fruit was good. Boxed apple supplies to arrive at London in the near future are light.

Pears made better prices at London than last week. Supplies were light but a wider selection was offered than at Liverpool. Demand was strong. The condition of the offerings was good. The light supplies of Idaho prunes met a slow demand. The prices received were about the same as last week.

The weather in the United Kingdom has been mostly clear and cool, which is considered favorable for fruit consumption. Supplies of Russian apples have been arriving in increased quantities. The condition and pack are good. The German apple crop is reported as not keeping well owing to hot weather but prices remain firm. German importers anticipate the possibility of importing American apples in moderate quantities after December 1. The British trade is still quiet but a better feeling is prevailing since the election.

Arrivals of fruit in the United Kingdom during the week ended Tuesday, October 27, were: Apples, 70,400 barrels, 92,800 boxes, 1,300 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 38,000 boxes from the same sources; plums, 300 from the United States; grapes, 3,000 packages from California and 112,000 barrels from Spain; grapefruit, United States 2,000 boxes, South Africa 3,000, Palestine 2,000, Jamaica 160 and Cuba 2,000; oranges, United States 6,000 boxes, South Africa 149,000 and Brazil 54,000 boxes. During the next seven days the following quantities are expected: Apples, 157,000 barrels, 83,400 boxes and 1,600 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 21,000 boxes from the United States; plums, 1,000 from the United States; grapes, 760 packages from the United States; grapefruit, United States 5,000 boxes, Porto Rico 1,000, South Africa 100, Japaica 100; oranges, South Africa 23,000 boxes and Brazil 21,000 boxes.

The following prices were converted at the prevailing rates of exchange. On October 29, 1930 the rate was at par or $4.865 to the pound, October 21, 1931 the rate was $3.96 and on October 28, 1931 it was $3.90 to the pound.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	1930	1931		
	Liverpool	Liverpool		London
	October 29	October 21	October 28	October 28
APPLES BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
York Imperials, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch	6.08-6.33	3.96-4.35	4.29	4.48-4.68
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	6.45-7.06	4.45-4.75	4.10-4.48	4.48-4.88
U. S. No. 1, 2⅔ inch	6.81-7.30	4.15-4.55	4.48-4.88	4.48-4.88
Winesaps, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch	-	4.75	4.88-5.26	4.68-4.97
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	-	5.04	5.17	4.68-5.07

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London, cont'd.

Variety, grade and origin	1930 Liverpool October 29	1931 Liverpool October 21	1931 Liverpool October 28	1931 London October 28
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
APPLES BARRELS:				
Staymans, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	5.60-6.08	4.55-4.95	4.68-4.78	4.29-4.58
U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch	6.08	4.55-5.04	4.39	-
Rome Beauty, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch	6.33-6.69a/	-	4.48	-
U. S. No. 1, 2¾ inch	-	-	4.58	-
Ben Davis, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	5.11-5.47	3.76-4.15	3.70-3.75	-
U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch	5.96-7.91	3.76-4.15	4.00	-
Baldwins, N. Y.				
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	5.72-5.96	-	4.00	-
Jonathans, N. Y.				
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	5.84-6.45	4.55-4.95b/	4.78	-
U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch	6.20-6.69	4.35-4.65b/	5.07	-
Jonathans, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch	-	-	-	4.68-4.88
Grimes, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	-	-	-	4.10-4.19
Delicious, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	6.08-6.57	4.55-4.95	-	4.48-4.88
BASKETS:				
Jonathans, Idaho				
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	-	-	-	1.85
BOXES:				
Newtowns, Calif.				
Fancy 150/175	2.19-2.43	2.08-2.23	2.05	2.15-2.24
Fancy 188/smaller	2.07-2.31	1.88-2.08	-	2.10-2.24
Newtowns, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/175	3.16-3.41	2.77 c/	2.73-2.88	2.24-2.44
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	2.80-3.16	2.03-2.57c/	2.68-2.73	2.34-2.54
Fancy 150/175	2.92-3.16	2.37 c/	2.73-2.78	-
Fancy 188/smaller	2.55-2.68	1.98-2.33c/	2.34-2.63	-
Jonathans, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 150/175	2.55-2.72	2.37 c/	2.44-2.49	2.24-2.44
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	2.62	2.47 c/	2.44-2.49	-
Fancy 150/175	2.37-2.43	2.18 c/	2.29-2.34	1.95-2.15
Fancy 188/smaller	-	2.28 c/	2.15-2.34	-
PEARS BARRELS:				
Kieffer, N. Y.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch	6.33-7.06d/	-	5.46-6.24	6.04
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	6.33-7.06d/	4.45-4.75	6.14	-
BOXES:				
Winter Nelis, Calif.				
Fancy 100/120	2.80-3.04d/	2.83-3.16	3.41	3.02-3.32d/
Fancy 135/150	2.80-3.04d/	3.36-3.46	3.70-3.75	3.02-3.32d/
Fancy 165/180	2.80-3.04d/	3.41	3.36-3.66	3.02-3.32d/
Fancy 193/smaller	2.80-3.04d/	3.26	2.73-3.12	3.02-3.32d/
Hardy, Calif.				
Fancy 100/120	-	2.77 c/	-	3.12-3.41
Fancy 135/150	-	2.97-3.16c/	-	3.22-3.41
Fancy 165/180	-	2.97-3.16c/	-	3.32-3.41
Fancy 193/smaller	-	2.77 c/	-	3.12-3.22
Anjous, Calif.				
Fancy (all counts)	3.41-3.59	-	-	3.12-3.51
Comice, Calif.				
Fancy (all counts)	-	3.56-3.96c/	-	3.51-3.90
Fancy (half box)				2.34-2.54
Clairgeaus, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 100/larger	-	-	-	1.95
Extra Fancy 100/120	-	-	-	2.15-2.34
Extra Fancy 135/150	-	-	-	2.24-2.44
Comice, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 135/150	-	-	3.90-4.10	-
Extra Fancy 165/180	-	-	3.90-4.19	-
Boscs, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 135/150	-	3.16	-	2.83-3.02
Extra Fancy 165/180	-	3.16	-	2.83-3.02
Extra Fancy 193/smaller	-	-	-	2.63-2.73
PRUNES CRATES:				
Italian Prunes, Idaho				
U. S. No. 1, 5 x 6	1.82-1.89d/	1.38 d/	1.37-1.41	1.76

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.
a/ 2¼ inch. b/ Pennsylvania. c/ London. d/ Size not given.

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